

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2370  
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INDO CHINA HOTLINE SERVICE  
Senthilnathan Shri PR.

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether India and China had signed an agreement in 2010 to start a hotline service between the two Prime Ministers and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the present status of this agreement?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) Yes. During the visit of the then External Affairs Minister Shri S. M. Krishna to China from 5 to 8 April 2010, the two countries signed the Agreement on the Establishment of the Direct Secure Telephone Link between the Prime Minister of India and the Chinese Premier. The two sides are in close communication to operationalize the Hotline.